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THE OBSERVATOR.

Inſtances of our French *Faction's Treachery to their Native Country. A farther Account of the Duke of* Marlborow's *Character, as it ſtands recorded in our Statute Book, in oppoſition to the Slanders of the* Examiner *and other Libellers of the* French *Faction, who foment Diviſions at home, and Jealouſies betwixt the Allies abroad.*

From **Saturday**, January 12. to **Wedneſday**, January 16. 1712.

Countrym. ABundance of my Country Neighbours were mighty well pleas'd with the Account you gave me laſt Day, Maſter, of the Duke of *Marlborow*'s Character, as it ſtands recorded in our Statute Book, becauſe that being the Senſe of the Queen and Nation, is of undoubted Authority, and founded upon uncontrovertible Matter of Fact, which every one remembers; whereas the Libels againſt his Grace are writ by Perſons who dare not own them, tho they pretend they have Authority on their ſide. Therefore I muſt pray you, if there be any further Acknowledgment of the Duke's Services in our Statute Book, that you would likewiſe give me an Account of 'em, to obviate the malicious Clamours of the *Examiner*, and other Tools of the *French* Faction, who run upon the Duke with open Mouth, as if they would ſwallow him up at Once.

Obſ. There's a great deal more juſtly ſaid in our Statute Book, and in the Votes and Addreſſes of both Houſes, to juſtify the Duke, *Roger*, both as General and Plenipotentiary; but before I give you an Account of that, 'tis proper to obſerve, that the Quarrel of the *French* Faction is not ſo much with the Duke, as with the Cauſe he maintain'd. This is evident from their Attacks upon our Conſtitution, in Defence of which the Duke fought as a General, and manag'd as a Plenipotentiary. 'Tis likewiſe plain from the Inclinations which the Faction diſcover, to have Peace with *France* at any rate, and the Reflections they belch out againſt all our Confederates in general, becauſe they are unwilling to yield up by Treaty what Heaven has given 'em by the Sword. So that it is plain theſe Tools write as if they were profeſſedly in the Intereſt of *France*, and againſt that of their own Country.

Countrym. We Country Folks perceive that plainly enough, Maſter; for certainly were not theſe Tools in the Intereſt of *France*, they would never write at ſo ſcandalous a Rate. The chief Topicks they have inſiſted on to prove the neceſſity of a Peace on our part, are ſuch as tend to encourage the *French* to inſiſt upon unreaſonable Terms, and to diſcourage us from refuſing 'em. What elſe can be the meaning of their publiſhing to the World, That our Treaſure is exhauſted, our Commerce entirely ruined; that all our Funds are anticipated, and that 'tis not poſſible for us to carry on the War any further. Inſtead of treating with Sword in Hand, this is to treat on our bended Knees, and with a Petition in our Mouths, That *Lewis* XIV. would be pleaſed to grant us Peace on ſuch Terms as he thinks fit: Therefore 'twill be no Surprizal to me if his Plenipotentiarys at *Utrecht* ſhould ſpeak in the old preſumptuous and lofty Stile of that grizly Tyrant, that *he will once more give Peace to* Europe.

Obſ. Your Reflections are very much to the purpoſe, *Roger*. The traiterous Inclinations of the *French* Faction, and their Scribblers, are viſible enough, not only from the Inſtances you have mention'd, but from theſe that follow. 1. They labour inceſſantly to create Diviſions among the Subjects at home, in order to weaken our Hands againſt the Common Enemy; and thus they charge our beſt and greateſt Patriots with Deſigns againſt the Queen and the Church; whereas 'tis evident that they themſelves, by joining a Popiſh and *French* Faction, are irreconcileable Enemies to both. 2. They do their Utmoſt to create Jealouſies betwixt us and our Allies. Thus they charge the Emperor with aiming at an Exorbitant Power, in order to ſet up an Univerſal Monarchy, tho it be evident to the World, that without the Aſſiſtance of the Allies he is not able to maintain himſelf on the Throne of the Empire, and much leſs to recover that of *Spain*. Thus they likewiſe make a Noiſe with the former Perſecutions of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, but ſay not one Word of the preſent Perſecution by the Houſe of *Bourbon*, tho ſome Hundred Thouſands of Proteſtants do at preſent ſuffer under it, either by being forced to diſſemble for fear of *Lewis* XIVth's Cruelty, by being obliged to ſculk in Deſarts to ſave their Conſciences, or by being confin'd to Priſons and Galleys; the latter of which is a perfect Reſemblance of Hell, where they endure the cruelleſt Torments among incarnate Devils. Any Man may be ſatisfy'd of this, *Roger*, who will be pleaſed to caſt his Eye upon a Book lately publiſh'd, entituled, *A Specimen of Papal and French Perſecution; as alſo of the Faith and Patience of the late French Confeſſors and Martyrs, exhibited in the cruel Sufferings and moſt exemplary Behaviour of that eminent Confeſſor and Martyr Mr.* Lewis de Marolles; To which is added, *An Account of the Torments which the French Proteſtants endure on board the Galleys. Given by an Eye witneſs.* Sold by *D. Brown* at the *black Swan* without *Temple Bar*, &c. In this Book they may find it prov'd to a Demonſtration, that *Lewis* XIV. exceeds all the antient Perſecutors in Cruelty and Fraud. Yet this is the Prince whoſe Faith the Faction would have us to rely upon, tho he never kept Treaty in his Life; and this is He whoſe Cauſe the Libellers eſpouſe againſt the Emperor, and the reſt of the Allies, tho he be the ſworn and irreconcileable Enemy of our Religion and Liberty, and is never to be kept within Bounds, but by curbing his Power: Yet he has Advocates among us who inſtead of leſſening it, are for augmenting it, by giving him *Spain* and the *Weſt Indies*.

Countrym.

Utrecht, Jan. 22. N. S. The 20th in the Afternoon a Conference was held between the Britiſh and Dutch Plenipotentiaries at M. Buys's Houſe. The ſame Evening the Marquis Del Borgo one of the Duke of Savoy's Plenipotentiaries arrived here; accompanied by M. Salis, Miniſter of the Griſons. Yeſterday the Britiſh, Dutch and Savoy Miniſters met together at the Lord Privy-Seal's Houſe, to conſider of the manner of opening the General Conferences, and the Method of carrying them on; and this Day the Miniſters of the Allies were at the Town-houſe, to examine and give Directions about the Place of Conference, and the Appartments appointed by the Magiſtrates, for the Miniſters on both Sides.

Plymouth, Jan. 11. The 9th at Night came in and ſailed the Falmouth, Bonadventure, Dunwich, and Mary-Galley, with the Outward-bound Fleet, and were joyned by about 20 Ships that lay in this Port for the Eaſt-Indies, Guinea, Canaries, &c.

At the particular deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.
By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday, the 17th of January, will be preſented the laſt Reviv'd Play call'd, The Tempeſt; or, The Inchanted Iſland: As it was alter'd from Shakeſpear by Sir Wil. D'avenant, and the late Mr. Dryden, Poets Laureat. With New Scenes, Machines, and all the Original Decorations proper to the Play. By Her Majeſty Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

This Play is ſold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and R. Lintott next Nando's Coffee houſe, Temple-Bar.

Loſt or Stolen on or ſince the 19th of November laſt, a Ring ſet round with 10 Roſe Diamonds, Roſe Faſhion, the middle Stone well ſpread, good Water, weighing 3 Grains, the 10 ſmall Diamonds weighing about 3 Grains, and at the ſame time 2 other Diamonds unſet, but Weight unknown. If offered to be ſold, pawned, or valued, ſtop them, and give Notice to Mr. Seymour, Goldſmith, at the Flower-de-Luce in Fleetſtreet (over-againſt Fetter-Lane) or to Mr. Edw. Pinfold, Goldſmith, in Lombard-ſtreet, and you ſhall have for the whole 3 Guineas Reward, or for the Ring alone 2 Guineas; and if the abovementioned are already bought, the full value of the Ring and Diamonds, with the ſame Reward.

Loſt between the 31ſt of December and the 4th Inſtant, a Blue Turkey-Leather Letter-Caſe with a Braſs Claſp, in which was a Bank Note N° 107. dated the 17th of November 1711, for 26 l. 13 s. payable to Mr. Sam. Harriſon or Bearer, with ſeveral other Notes, of no uſe but to the Owner, Payment being ſtopt. Whoever brings the ſaid Letter-Caſe and Papers to Mr. Joſeph Lampſon at Doctor's-Commons, or Mr. Wadeſon at the Tranſport-Office on Tower-Hill, ſhall receive 10 s. Reward, and no Queſtions asked.

Found near Gunſton-Square in White-Chappel the 13th Inſtant, a Silver Tobacco-box, a Knife and Fork. If the Owner will come to Mr. Shenton at the Bank of England, deſcribing the Marks and paying the Charge, may have them again.

Whereas there is now in the Cuſtody of Mathias Jones at the Lamp in Fanchurch-ſtreet, 20 Hhds of Tobacco, landed ſome time ſince out of the Ship Rebecca and Elizabeth, Nicholas Loft jun. Maſter, from Virginia, for which no Owners has yet appeared; Theſe are therefore to give Notice to all Perſons, that has any Claim to any of the Hhds of Tobacco, that unleſs they take them away before the 31ſt of this Inſtant January they will be diſpoſed of.

To be LETT,

In Rood-Lane in Fenchurch-ſtreet, a handſome Houſe, with Coach-houſes, Stables, and other Conveniencies fit for a Gentleman or Merchant. Inquire at Mr. Coxes, Upholſterer, in the ſa'd Lane.

To be Lett,

Behind the Royal Exchange, between Bartholomew-Lane and the Sun-Tavern, a large Shop with a very good Room over it, likewiſe another Shop ſingle. Inquire at the next Door to each.

A Catalogue of part of the Library of Draper Donynge, of the Inner-Temple, Eſq; Deceaſed. Conſiſting of many valuable and uncommon Books, in Greek, Latin, French, and Engliſh, of Divinity, Hiſtory, (Law eſpecially) ſeveral of the Claſſicks in uſum Delphini, Printed at Paris, old Elzevirs, and other choice Editions, well bound, and very fair: Will begin to be ſold at very reaſonable Rates (the Price being put in Each Book) at the Roſe-Tavern without Temple-Bar, to Morrow the 17th Inſtant, at 9 in the Morning. The Sale to continue Two Days and no longer. Catalogues are to be had of Mr. Stokoe, againſt the Mews Gate; Mr. Varenne, at Seneca's-Head in the Strand; Mr. Brown without Temple Bar; Mr. Clements, in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Strahan in Cornhill, Booksellers; and at the Place of Sale. N.B. Written Catalogues of the remaining Part are to be ſeen at the Place of Sale.

The late Sergeant Streeter's Collection of Prints and Drawings will be ſold by Auction, to Morrow, the 17th Inſtant, at the two Blue Flower-pots next St. Ann's Church, Soho. The Sale to begin at 4 in the Afternoon, and ſo continue every Evening (Sundays Excepted) till all is ſold, which will be in 12 Days, it being reſolved to ſell 100 Lots each Night. Note, This is a moſt extraordinary Collection, that the late Sergeant and his Father having been upwards of 70 Years in Collecting the ſame, to innumerate the Maſters would make this Advertiſement too tedious, it conſiſting of all the Painters and Gravers that have made any Figure in the World; the like not having been expoſed to Sale for many Years paſt, and is worth the Speculation of the Curious. To be ſeen this Day, before the Sale, from 9 in the Morning till 4 in the Afternoon.

Extraordinary good Florence Wine, Lisbon and Smyrna Wines, to be ſold by Retale, at a Cellar under Mr. King's near Merchant-Taylor's Hall in Threadneedle-ſtreet; and for diſpatch will be ſold at 5 s. per Gallon, the Merchant deſigning to leave off ſelling of Wine, which is the reaſon of its being ſold ſo Cheap.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Friday the 18th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard ſtreet, at 4 in the Afternoon, (only 1 Cask in a Lott) 23 Butts of new excellent Red Alicant Wine, deep, bright, freſh, ſtrong, and of the largeſt Gauge, near, an entire Parcel, of the very laſt Vintage, imported by the Hope-Galley, Walter Cronker Maſter, directly from Alicant, and landed the 15th Inſtant at Dice-Key; now in a Vault in Dog-Tavern-yard againſt the Gun-Tavern at Billingſgate. Alſo 8 Pipes of extraordinary good White, and 4 Pipes of Red Lisbon Wines, neat and entire, in a Vault againſt the Peacock Alehouſe in Beare-Lane in Tower-ſtreet and (near the Cuſtom-houſe) in Thames-ſtreet. All to be ſeen and taſted all Day to Morrow and all Friday till the time of Sale. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane in Tower-ſtreet.

☞ An Excellent Collection of the late Earl of Jerſey's Pictures, by the beſt Italian and other Maſters, will be ſold by Auction on Saturday next the 19th Inſtant, at Mr. Syke's Houſe the 2 Golden Balls in Portugal Row Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. The Sale to begin at 11 a Clock. The Pictures may be viewed to Morrow and Friday before, and Catalogues had at the Place of Sale.

It having been repreſented to Mr. John Crook, that notwithſtanding the general Approbation his French Claret has received, yet many of his Cuſtomers out of a Covetous Diſpoſition do reſort to other Places to buy much inferior Wine, and afterwards ſell the ſame for Mr. Crook's Claret, which Practices (if not timely prevented) do manifeſtly tend to the ruin of his Undertaking, and he being firmly reſolved to eſtabliſh and preſerve the Reputation of his Vault, and alſo willing to give his Cuſtomers all fitting Encouragement; for theſe Cauſes, and others hereunto him moving, he gives Notice that from henceforth he will ſell his very good French Claret for no more than 4 s. a Gallon, at his Vault 5 Doors below the Angle and Crown Tavern in Broad-ſtreet behind the Royal Exchange.

The Office of Aſſurance of Money upon Lives is at the Rainbow Coffee-houſe in Cornhil, where Men or Women may Subſcribe on their own Lives for the benefit of their Children, or other Perſons Lives for the benefit of themſelves, and have them approv'd without their Knowledge, paying 10 s. Entrance, and 10 s. towards the firſt Claim for each Life, and ſhall have a Policy for each Life ſubſcribed upon in the ſaid Society. This Office may be proper for ſuch Perſons as have Annuities, Eſtates, or Places for Life; and for ſuch Perſons to make Aſſurance upon Lives where Debts are dubious if the Perſon dies, and the Debtor to pay that Charge: Proper for Perſons that would borrow Money upon an Eſtate in Reverſion, by making Aſſurance upon their own Lives as a Security to the Lender in Caſe of the Borrower's Mortality. Aſſurance is proper in all Caſes where you have a Dependance on the Living and ſhall ſuffer by their Death. This Office will aſſure Money much cheaper per Cent than private Perſons. Attendance is given Tueſdays, Wedneſdays, Thurſdays and Fridays, from 2 till 5.

A Courſe of Experiments in order to demonſtrate the Laws of the Gravatations of Fluids. The various Properties of the Air in relation to its Weight, Spring, Neceſſity of its Preſence in the Conſervation of Life, and Production of Flame and Sound. Together with ſeveral new Experiments touching Light and Electricity produceable on the Attrition of Bodies. Experiments concerning the different Refraction of a Ray of Light paſſing thro' different Fluids. Experiments ſhewing the Effect of Viciated Air on the Lives of Animals. Experiments touching the Tranſparency of ſeveral Bodies in the Dark under the Circumſtances of a Vacuum and Attrition, ſuch as Sulphur, Sealing-Wax, and Pitch. The Nature of Viſion explained; and the various Properties of Optick-Glaſſes demonſtrated. Will begin at Mr. Fra. Hauksbee's, Sen. F.R.S. in Hind-Court, Fleetſtreet, on Monday the 21ſt Inſtant; where Subſcriptions are taken in and printed Accounts more at large given. He being the only Perſon to whom the late Improvements are owing. N.B. There will be Lectures explaining the ſeveral Heads.

For SALE by RETALE.

At the Wine Vault of Meſſieurs Smith and Comp. under Thavies-Inn againſt Hatton-Garden in Holbourn, are to be ſold new Natural Red and White Oporto Wines (Imported by the Fleet now arrived and juſt landed) at 16 d. per Quart without Doors, and 18 d. within; New Viana Red at 14 d. per Quart without Doors, and 16 d. within; New Sherries at 20 d. per Quart; Mountain at 18 d. per Quart without Doors, and 20 d. within; Palm Canary at 2 s. per Quart without Doors, and 2 s. 4 d. within; and Barcelona deep bright and ſtrong at 12 d. per Quart without Doors, and 14 d. within. NOTE, All the abovesaid Wines are in their natural Purity. There are good Rooms and Accommodation for Gentlemen.

Meſſieurs de la Foſs and Martin hereby give Notice, That to oblige Gentlemen and others they have expoſed to Sale by Retale their New Natural Red and White Oporto Wines of Coimbra, and new right Ribadavia Galicia Wines, (neat) known to be the beſt Vineyards: Viz. The ſaid Red and White Oporto and Galicia Wines at 16 l. per Hogſhead, and 17 d. per Quart, and new Sherries at 2 s. per Quart, in a Vault under the Corner Houſe of Germans-ſtreet, lately the Anchor Tavern, in St. James's-ſtreet near Piccadilly.

This Day is Publiſhed,

Four Treatiſes concerning the Doctrine, Diſcipline and Worſhip of the Mahometans: Viz. I. An Abridgment of the Mahometan Religion: Tranſlated out of Arabick into Latin by H. Reland, and from thence into Engliſh. II. A Defence of the Mahometans from ſeveral Charges falſly laid againſt them by Chriſtians: Written in Latin by H. Reland, and tranſlated into Engliſh. III. A Treatiſe of Bobovius (ſometime firſt Interpreter to Mahomet IV.) concerning the Liturgy of the Turks, their Pilgrimage to Mecca, their Circumciſion, Viſitation of the Sick, &c. Tranſlated from the Latin. IV. Reflections on Mahometaniſm and Socinianiſm, tranſlated from the French. To which is prefixed, The Life and Actions of Mahomet, extracted chiefly from Mahometan Authors. Printed for R. Lintott at the Croſs-Keys, and E. Sanger at the Poſt-Houſe in Fleet-ſtreet.

Incomparable Drops for the Palſie, which infallibly cure that Diſtemper though it be univerſal and of many Years ſtanding; they rectify all Diſorders of the Head, Brain, Stomach, and Blood, increaſe and fortify the Animal Spirits, ſoon take off all Shaking or Trembling, Numbneſs, Deadneſs, &c. quickly reſtore the genuine ſtrength and natural uſe of the Limbs, warms, comforts and ſtrengthens the weakened Nerves, Tendons and Ligaments, revive their true force and vigour, and abſolutely cure the Palſie and all Diſeaſes of the Brain and Nerves in a wonderful manner, as hundreds have experienced after all other Means uſed in vain. Sold only at Mrs. Coal's at the Dial and two Crowns over-againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleet-ſtreet. Price 3 s. 6 d. each Bottle, with Directions.

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